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Applicants: R.B. Hutchison et al. Attorney Docket No.: ECHG121698  
Application No.: 10/671320 Art Unit: 3694 / Confirmation No.: 5656  
Filed: September 24, 2003 Examiner: B.E. Fertig  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORDERING GOODS,  
SERVICES AND CONTENT OVER AN INTERNETWORK  
USING A VIRTUAL PAYMENT ACCOUNT

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Requirement for Information mailed December 16, 2008 ("Requirement for Information"), attached are copies of documents O1-O9, which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was mailed by applicants' undersigned attorney on February 13, 2004, received in the U.S. Patent Office on February 18, 2004, and incorrectly identified as "documents Q1-Q9 cited in an IDS filed February 28, 2004" in the Requirement for Information.

With regards to the "stipulation" portion of the Requirement for Information, to the best of applicants' knowledge, the subject matter covered by the claims filed on September 9, 2008, was not publicly known, in use, or on sale more than one year prior to applicants' earliest filing date.

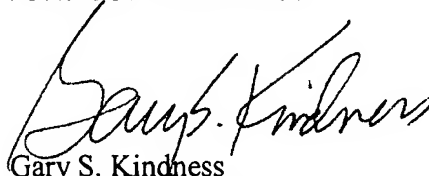
In response to the "interrogatories" portion of the Requirement for Information, applicants point out that the current application, which was filed September 24, 2003, is a continuation of Application No. 10/337,214, filed on January 6, 2003, which in turn is a continuation of Application No. 09/370,949, filed August 9, 1999. All of these applications

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claim the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/140,039, filed June 18, 1999. During this almost ten year period of time, the technology underlying the application has been developed and tested. License and other types of business arrangements have been entered into. As a result of these and other activities, applicants cannot easily obtain the information necessary to reply to the interrogatory, which requests that the date when the subject matter covered by each of the claims filed on September 9, 2008, was first publicly known, in use, or on sale. Neither a precise date or dates nor even reasonable estimates are easily obtainable. However, as noted above, to the best of applicants' knowledge, the subject matter covered by the claims filed on September 9, 2008, was not publicly known, in use, or on sale prior to applicants' earliest filing date.

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